

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES 21 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0021

PATRICK C. KELIHER COMMISSIONER

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A STANDARD LEASE

DATE: January 31, 2017

TO: Riparians (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site Town of Eastport and Charles Leppin, Harbormaster

General and Case Specific Mailing Lists

The Department of Marine Resources is considering an application filed by Cooke Aquaculture USA, Inc. for renewal of an aquaculture lease, COB BC, located in Broad Cove, Cobscook Bay, Eastport, Maine for the net pen culture of Atlantic salmon, rainbow/steelhead trout, nori/laver, blue sea mussels, and dulse.

As required by 12 M.R.S. §6072(12), if you are receiving this notice by e-mail, copies of the application, site map, and public notice are attached. If you are receiving this notice by mail, copies of the notice and site map are enclosed. To view a copy of the application, please go to our website at www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html and follow the link "pending lease applications." For paper copies, please contact us as shown below.

Jennifer Robinson of Cooke Aquaculture USA, Inc. has asked us to encourage you to contact her directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the proposed future operation of this lease. Her contact information is:

> Cooke Aquaculture USA, Inc. Attn: Jennifer Robinson P.O. Box 263 Eastport, ME 04631 (207) 853-6081 or jennifer.robinson@cookeagua.com

As part of the renewal process, we offer the public a 30-day period within which you may submit written comments on this proposed renewal or request a public hearing. A hearing is not mandatory for lease renewals unless the Department receives five (5) or more written requests from interested persons before the end of the 30-day comment period.

Written comments or requests for a hearing regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than **March 13, 2017**. Send them to:

> Maine Department of Marine Resources Attn: Aguaculture Administrator 21 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0021

If you have questions, please contact Cindy L. Burke, Paralegal Assistant, at 624-6567 or cindy.l.burke@maine.gov.

E-mail attachments: Application, Public Notice, and Site Map

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